

**RUSK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

The Rusk County Aging & Disability Resource Center Board held its regular monthly meeting on December 21, 2017 at 1:05. In the Law Enforcement/County Board Room, Ladysmith, WI. The meeting was called to order by Mark Schmitt. Kathy Walthers, Lindsay Ohmstead, Lynne Stanger and Melissa Dixon, were present from ADRC office.

PRESENT: Peggy Hraban, Jennifer Hengst, Ron Moser, Sue Selzler, Erik Stoker,

EXCUSED: Sheryl Kisling, Kathy Mai, Kathy Silvernale, Chris Soltis, Alice Kesan, Elizabeth Hanson, Jeremy Jacobs

- APS reported: N/A
- CLTS: No high cost to ask for. All kids are off the waitlist. (Had four) New system for data entry.
- Veterans: Block Grant back this pays for part of CVSO wages. New program for V/A ID card is being delayed. Current place to get IDs in our region is Chippewa Falls.
- ADRC:
- Reviewed ADRC Committee By Law approval postponed due to no qualm.
- Review Rules & Policies Governing the use of the Rusk County Senior/Youth Building. Reviewed but not able to pass due to no qualm. Mark suggested that Kathy and Char work with the rules and implement.
- Lindsay reported on Part D season- Statistics, money impact. 10% of people are on the correct part D plan. Year to year. Lynne reported on her fall. (See EBS attached statistics)
- Leslie Fijalkiewicz resigned as ADRC Director. Posting for the position closes 12/22/17.
- Kathy reported that we will be starting the last year of our current 3 year plan. It will be time to start developing our new 3 year plan for 2019-2021. This will happen in 2018. More information to come.
- Aging budget approved. Letter from GWAAR shared.
- House passes Raise Family Caregivers Act. The bill directs the department of Health and Human Services(HHS) to develop, maintain, and Periodically update a National Family Caregiving Strategy. The bill also calls on HHS to convene a Family Caregiving Advisory Council to advise it on recognizing and supporting family caregivers. This Council will be comprised of relevant federal agency representatives as well as family caregivers, older adults with long-term services and support needs, health care providers, and other key players in the caregiving community.
- Sue shared that ICAA has a grant for lock boxes for medication. She will bring more information at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m. Hengst/Hraban

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the LEC